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March 22, 2002

Honorable Felix J. Boudreaux  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State of Louisiana  
Post Office Box 44275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Formation, Reservoir A,  
BETHANY-LONGSTREET FIELD, DeSoto  
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize a substitute unit well and three alternate unit wells for HOSS RA SU17 at the locations shown on the attached plat.
2. To approve an exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 289-A-g-3, effective October 7, 1977, for any of the proposed wells the location of which, as shown on the attached plat, does not comply with the well location provisions of said Order.
3. To find that each of the proposed wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, underlying HOSS RA SU17 which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
4. To permit the Operator to produce the allowable assigned to HOSS RA SU17 from either the substitute unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.
5. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289, effective October 1, 1954, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-A-g-2, effective April 14, 1977.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana

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70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

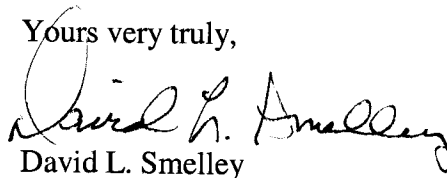
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the attached plat, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bethany-Longstreet Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for El Paso Production Company

DLS:dp  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)  
Mr. Paul Eschete (w/encls.)  
Mr. Gary Griffith (w/encls.)  
Ms. Shirley Galik (w/encls.)  
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)

HOSS SU 8

HOSS SU 29

13N15W

HOSS RA SU 14

HOSS RA SU 15

HOSS RA SU 18

HOSS RA SU 17

HOSS RA SU 11

HOSS RA SU 9

HOSS RA SU 10

HOSS RA SU

HOSS RA SU 13

HOSS RA SU 48

HOSS RA SU 32

HOSS RA SU 31

TEXAS O&G  
BURFORD-SHOWS  
9300

TEXAS O&G  
STEWART /L/  
9266

EL PASO  
SCHULER EST  
7050

EL PASO  
HUNT BROOK  
9208

EL PASO  
SORELL  
9200

EL PASO  
SIMONSON  
9500

EL PASO  
CAMBLE  
9200

EL PASO  
CAMBLE A  
9260

EL PASO  
WILLAMETTE 15  
3-ALT

EL PASO  
WILLAMETTE  
F-4 ALT  
9200

EL PASO  
CAMBLE  
F-3 ALT  
9200

EL PASO  
WEATHERS  
F-1 ALT  
9200

EL PASO  
WILLAMETTE 15  
4-ALT

EL PASO  
WILLAMETTE 15  
2-ALT  
9193

EL PASO  
WILLAMETTE  
F-3 ALT  
9200

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HOLBROOK  
F-2 ALT  
9250

EL PASO  
JERNIGAN 15  
1-ALT  
9205

EL PASO  
WILLAMETTE 15  
1-ALT  
9615

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WILLAMETTE  
F-2 ALT  
9605

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HOLBROOK  
F-2 ALT  
9650

EL PASO  
EVERHART 14  
1-ALT  
9200

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MASON  
1-ALT  
9250

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MASON  
2-ALT  
9200

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BISSELL  
1-ALT  
9156

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WILLAMETTE  
F-5 ALT  
9250

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WILLAMETTE  
F-1  
1169

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EVERHART 14  
2-ALT  
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SHAWLEY  
1  
9200

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GRENE 1-ALT  
9250

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MASON 22  
1-ALT  
9200

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MASON  
1  
9100

EL PASO  
SIMONSON J 5  
2  
9260

EL PASO  
SIMONSON J 5  
1-ALT  
9100

EL PASO  
SIMONSON 23  
3  
9200

NELSON ENERGY  
JOHNSON  
9167

# LEGEND

HOSSON RA UNITS  
AS PER 289-A-g SERIES

UNIT WELL

ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

WELLS 7000' OR SHALLOWER  
REMOVED FROM BASE

EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NOS. 02-

**elpaso** Production

Onshore Development  
Houston, Texas

BETHANY-LONGSTREET FIELD  
DESOTO PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE & ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT  
HOSS RA SU 17

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

0' 1000' 2000' 4000'

BELSTIO-DGN